BUSINESSES, EMPLOYEES FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES

with

SharedWork

SharedWorkWA.com







- Adjust labor force week-by-week.
- Improve workplace morale and employee loyalty.
- Avoid high costs associated with employee turnover.
- Retrain and retain skilled workforce.



For Employees

- Job stability.
- Collect benefits without having to search for work.
- Continue receiving health insurance, retirement contributions and other benefits.

SharedWork Benefits

U.S. Department of Labor

Enroll today

SharedWorkWA.com

Employer Line: 800-752-2500 option 3 Email: sharedworkplansect@esd.wa.gov



For Families



"The certainty of being able to work some portion of hours and maintain health insurance and other benefits has saved lives, families, helped prevent unfortunate mental health outcomes, reduced strain on kids, has provided a peace of mind in the most tense and uncertain year in recent memory."

Michele Evermore, Senior Policy Advisor



Scenario: Ryna brings employees back with 25% payroll reduction





Ryna's remodeling company temporarily closed because of COVID-19. Prior to closing, she employed 20 individuals for a standard workweek of 40 hours. In April 2021, they partially reopen by bringing back all 20 individuals at a reduced workweek of 30 hours.

In lieu of layoffs. Ryna has enough work (600 hours) for 15 full-time employees. The employer is able to avert the continued layoff of 5 full-time employees by bringing back all 20 employees for a reduced workweek.

Reduced workweek. The employer reduced the workweek from 40 hours to 30 hours, which is a reduction of 25 percent and permissible under federal law, actually anywhere from 10-50% is acceptable reduction each week with SharedWork.

Summary. The 20 returning employees would each receive 75 percent of their wages from their employer, while also remaining eligible for 25 percent of their respective weekly benefit amounts under SharedWork



Bringing employees back on SharedWork



Average weekly earnings

Usual hours worked

SharedWork hours

Weekly Benefit

Weekly Wage

Total



0

0

\$481

0

\$481



Work without SharedWork

\$800 \$20 x 40 hrs

40

0

\$0

\$800

\$800



SharedWork plan with 25% reduction

\$800 \$20 x 40 hrs

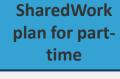
40

30

\$120

\$600

\$720



\$576 \$18 x 32 hrs

32

24

\$101

\$432

\$533



How It Works





The employer calls to check business eligibility.

The employer assigns a

SharedWork

representative and
submits an Employer

Plan Application and a

Participant List.

Once the employer plan is approved, each participant submits an **Employee Application**.

The employee files
weekly claim by
eServices or telephone,
whether their hours are
reduced or not.

The employee receives earned wages and share of unemployment insurance benefits.



Sign in to eServices with a Secure Access Washington (SAW) account. If you established a SAW account for WorkSourceWA.com or another state service, you can use that same user name and password.

SharedWork Requirements



Employer Requirements for SharedWork:

- Must be a legally registered business in Washington state.
- 2. Must have an ESD (Employment Security) number.
- 3. Must have at least two permanent employees, who are not corporate officers, affected by a reduction in hours and wages.
- 4. Continue to provide same benefits to employees.

Employee Requirements for SharedWork:

- 1. Employee must qualify for a valid claim. (680 hours)
- 2. All permanent employees may participate in SharedWork.
- 3. Be able and available for all scheduled hours by SharedWork employer.

Winning with SharedWork



"Client care has ebbed and flowed based on the pandemic, and Shared Work has given us the flexibility to take care of our staff, while saving payroll when there isn't enough work – (as a non-profit, this is especially important!)"

Michael LaTour, Associate Director

"I think SharedWork is a great signal to your people:- come back to work, get back to work, and here, sign up for SharedWork! It could be a great tool in building up your team and moving forward as you try to figure out the next few years of being short [on] workers, and how to retain the great ones you have."

Anthony Anton, President and CEO



Washington Hospitality Association

"Our employees are thankful we used it, and happy they do not have to draw full unemployment. There are so many advantages to SharedWork. We do not know what the future will bring. Get approved for SharedWork!"

SPOKANE GALVANIZING

"To keep our morale up, wanting to do what felt like the right thing for our employees ... was not just to pick five or ten of our newest employees and let them go because of the pandemic ... and so SharedWork saved us!"

Erica Baldridge, Director of Human Resources

Contact SharedWork



Employers can verify their eligibility in minutes and get answers by calling 800-752-2500 and choosing Option 3.

800-752-2500

8am to 4pm, Monday through Friday

Option 1 – Claims

Option 2 – Existing Plans

Option 3 - New Plan Inquiry

Option 4 – I was asked to call

sharedworkplansect@esd.wa.gov

More ways to learn about SharedWork

- 1) Watch a commercial: https://youtu.be/apAufybRrrY
- 2) Attend a virtual event The SharedWork program will be hosting many regional and statewide webinars for employers in Washington. esd.wa.gov/SharedWork/events
- 3) Weekly Q&A webinar The SharedWork program will be hosting weekly webinars through the year end to help businesses get informed.

Weekly Wednesday 8:15 am - 9am
SharedWork Q&A sessions for businesses

Click here to register for the webinar on any Wednesday

Upcoming events

Resources for Washington businesses

Learn more about the SharedWork employee retention program and WA Cares (long-term services and supports).

Wednesday, September 29, 2021 11:50 AM -12:55 PM SharedWork and WA Cares



Resources for Washington businesses

Learn more about the SharedWork employee retention program and Workforce Opportunity Tax Credit and bonding programs.



Wednesday, October 20, 2021 11:50 AM - 12:55 PM SharedWork and WOTC



Webinars

Resources for Washington businesses



Hosted by the SharedWork program.

esd.wa.gov/sharedwork/webinar

Wednesday, September 29, 2021 11:50 AM - 12:55 PM SharedWork and WA Cares Fund

Wednesday, October 20. 2021 11:50 AM - 12:55 PM SharedWork and WOTC/Bonding tax incentives

Wednesday, November 17, 2021 11:50 AM - 12:55 PM SharedWork and WorkSource and local Workforce partners

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 11:50 AM - 12:55 PM **SharedWork and Tax and Wages**

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 SharedWork and LMEA 11:50 AM - 12:55 PM

Wednesday, February 9, 2022 11:50 AM - 12:55 PM SharedWork and Paid Family and Medical Leave

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 11:50 AM - 12:55 PM **SharedWork and Industry Panel**

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 11:50 AM - 12:55 PM SharedWork and WA Cares Fund

Wednesday, May 4, 2022 11:50 AM - 12:55 PM **SharedWork and Tax and Wages**

Wednesday, June 1, 2022 11:50 AM - 12:55 PM SharedWork and WOTC/Bonding tax incentives



Employment Security Department is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Washington Relay Service: 711



WHAT DOES WOTC DO?



- The Work Opportunity is a tax incentive for employers to hire certain job seekers. The goal is to help these individuals become economically self-sufficient and to reward employers who give them a chance.
- Participating employers are able to reduce their Federal income tax liability by \$2,400-\$9,600 per eligible employee.
- All applications must be submitted within 28 days of the employee's start date.
- In 2019 Washington State employers received \$114M of potential tax credit savings using the WOTC program.

WORK OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT



Veteran Target Groups	Worked at least 120 hours but less than 400 hours	Worked at least 400 hours
Received (food stamps) benefits 3 of last 15 months	Up to \$1,500 (25% of \$6,000 of first-year wages)	Up to \$2,400 (40% of \$6,000 of first-year wages)
Disabled Veteran hired within 1 year of leaving service	Up to \$3,000 (25% of \$12,000 of first-year wages)	Up to \$4,800 (40% of \$12,000 of first-year wages)
Disabled Veteran Unemployed at least 6 months	Up to \$6,000 (25% of \$24,000 of first-year wages)	Up to \$9,600 (40% of \$24,000 of first-year wages)
Unemployed at least 4 weeks	Up to \$1,500 (25% of \$6,000 of first-year wages)	Up to \$2,400 (40% of \$6,000 of first-year wages)
Unemployed at least 6 months	Up to \$3,500 (25% of \$14,000 of first-year wages)	Up to \$5,600 (40% of \$14,000 of first-year wages)

Veteran supporting documentation must be provided within 90 days of WOTC application submission.

WORK OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT



Other WOTC Target Groups	Worked at least 120 hours but less than 400 hours	Worked at least 400 hours
Received (food stamps) benefits Age 18-39 qualifying individual or family member received benefits 6 months prior to hire date	Up to \$1,500 (25% of \$6,000 of first-year wages)	Up to \$2,400 (40% of \$6,000 of first-year wages)
Short Term TANF Recipient TANF recipient 9 of last 18 months	Up to \$1,500 (25% of \$6,000 of first-year wages)	Up to \$2,400 (40% of \$6,000 of first-year wages)
Long Term TANF Recipient TANF recipient last 18 consecutive months or received 18 months of TANF combined with final payment within last 2 years	N/A	Up to \$9,000 (40% of \$10,000 of first-year wages and 50% of \$10,000 of second-year wages)
Vocational Rehabilitation Referral Participant in a state or federal- vocational-rehabilitation program and had a written plan within the last 2 years	Up to \$1,500 (25% of \$6,000 of first-year wages)	Up to \$2,400 (40% of \$6,000 of first-year wages)

Other WOTC Target Groups	Worked at least 120 hours but less than 400 hours	Worked at least 400 hours
Ex-Felon Convicted of a felony within one year prior to the hire date; or released from incarceration within one year prior to the hire date	Up to \$1,500 (25% of \$6,000 of first-year wages)	Up to \$2,400 (40% of \$6,000 of first-year wages)
SSI Recipient Received SSI payment in any month within 60 days of being hired	Up to \$1,500 (25% of \$6,000 of first-year wages)	Up to \$2,400 (40% of \$6,000 of first-year wages)
Long-term unemployed Individual who has been unemployed at least 27 consecutive weeks and received at least one week of unemployment compensation	Up to \$1,500 (25% of \$6,000 of first-year wages)	Up to \$2,400 (40% of \$6,000 of first-year wages)

WORK OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT



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U.S. Department Labor Employment and Training Admir	nistration Individual Characteristics Form (Work Opportunity Tax Credit	OMB Control No. 1205-0371 Expiration Date: January 31, 202
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www.esd.wa.gov/wotc





QUICK LINKS

FREQUENTLY USED LINKS

The SharedWork Program
Work Opportunity Tax Credit
(WOTC)

FORMS

SharedWork forms and media library

Employer resources forms and publications library

WOTC pre-screening form (IRS form 8850) (PDF)

WOTC individual characteristics form (ETA form 9061) (PDF)

RELATED LINKS

Labor market info

Washington State Small-Business

Steps to open a secure email from ESD

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Contact a local WorkSource

Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC)

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Employers can reduce their federal business taxes by anywhere from \$2,400 to \$9,600 per eligible employee. The amount employers get is based on:

- · The employee's target group
- · Wages earned and hours worked by the employee

Employers cannot claim the WOTC for:

- Relatives
- Former employees
- Undocumented aliens

Work Opportunity Tax Credit fact sheet - for a program overview and recent statistics

U.S. Department of Labor website - for updates and more information

To apply online

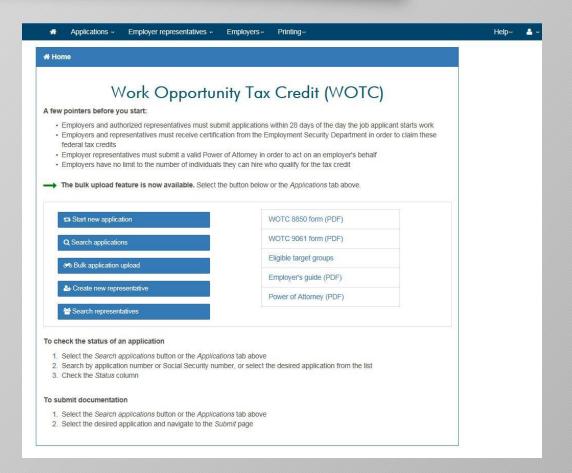
You must have a SecureAccess Washington (SAW) account **and** a WOTC account. Read *How to apply* then start here.

All applications must be submitted within 28 days of the employee's start date.

WOTC resources:

Online filing system | Eligibility | How to apply | Application deadlines

For more information: email ESDGPWOTC@esd.wa.gov or call 360-902-9326



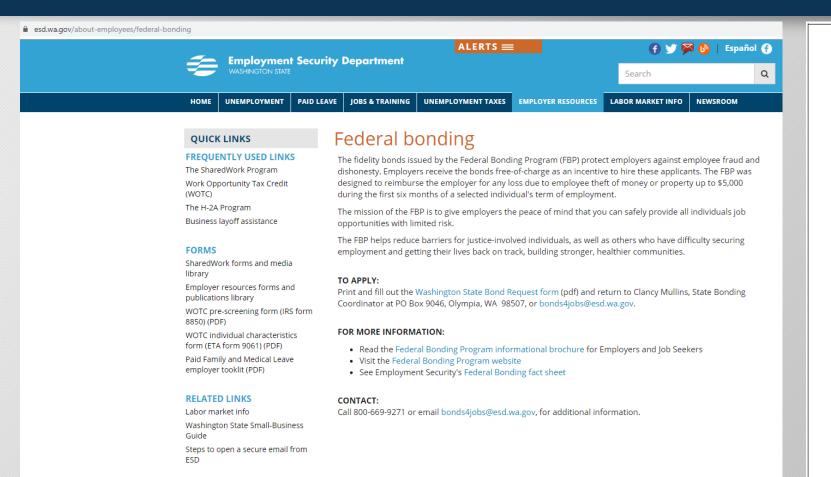
FEDERAL BONDING PROGRAM



- Created in 1966 by USDOL, the Federal bonding program protects employers against employee act of dishonesty. The bond provides 100 percent coverage and has no deductible.
- Employers receive the bonds free-of-charge. Each new hire can be bonded from \$5,000 - \$25,000 with \$0 deductible covering the first six months of employment.
- Bonds can be applied to ANY full- or part-time employee paid wages (with Federal taxes deducted from pay), including individuals hired by temp agencies. *Self-employed people cannot be covered by Fidelity Bonds

www.esd.wa.gov/bonding





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WASHINGTON STATE BOND CERTIFICATION FORM MAIL or EMAIL to: Clancy Mullins / State Bonding Coordinator Employment Security Department PO Box 9046 Olympia, WA 98507-9046 Phone: 1-800-669-9271 EMPLOYER RECEIVING BOND COMPANY NAME & INDUSTRY FEIN -CONTACT PERSON NAME PHONE NUMBER ADDRESS CITY/STATE/ZIP WORKER COVERED BY BOND (please print clearly) LAST NAME -FIRST NAME BOND EFFECTIVE DATE SOC. SECURITY # Occupation: BOND INSURANCE AMOUNT REQUESTED \$ 5,000 [If requesting more than \$5K, provide information on why higher amount is needed.) (\$5K, \$10K, \$15K, \$20K, \$25K) SIGNATURE (must be signed by originator and legible) TELEPHONE

WORK OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT & FEDERAL BONDING



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